

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the citizens of the Louisiana municipalities of Abbeville, Alexandria, Erath, Houma, Jonesville, Kaplan, Lafayette, Minden, Morgan City, Natchitoches, New Roads, Plaquemine, Rayne, St. Martinville, Vidalia, Vinton, Welsh, and Winnfield have voted in public elections to join the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority; and
- WHEREAS,** each of these 18 municipalities operates a community-owned electric utility; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of these individual communities serve as both the consumers and owners of that utility, exercising authority through their locally elected or appointed public officials; and
- WHEREAS,** these utilities provide homes, businesses, social services, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity, while employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at the lowest possible cost; and
- WHEREAS,** these Louisiana municipalities stand proudly among the more than 2,000 publicly owned electric utilities in the United States, ensuring competition in the electric utility industry and thereby benefiting all electric consumers; and
- WHEREAS,** the week of October 1-7, 2006, is begin recognized as the 20th annual Public Power Week in order to honor these utilities, their employees, and consumer-owners.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1-7, 2006, as

PUBLIC POWER WEEK

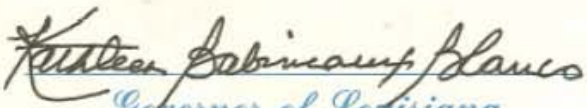
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 11th day of September
A.D., 2006*


Governor of Louisiana